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PASS: AMBASSADOR YOUNG, TOM OFFENBURGER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S TRIP

1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING IS MAY 12 MEDIA REACTION ON AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S AFRICA TRIP. END SUMMARY.

2. VIRTUALLY ALL COVERAGE WAS STRAIGHT-FORWARD NEWS ACCOUNTS
OF STATE DEPARTMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAG'S AGREEMENT TO YOUNG
VISIT, REVIEWING THE CONTROVERSY THAT SURROUNDED IT, NOTING
THAT APPROVED DATE WAS NOT ONE THAT HAD BEEN PLANNED BY
YOUNG, WHICH LED SOME TO SPECULATE THAT THE PRETORIA GOVERN-
MENT DID NOT WANT YOUNG TO OVERSHADOW THE MONDALE/VORSTER
MEETING. STORIES ALSO CARRIED WITHOUT COMMENT THE EXPANDED AND
CHANGED ITINERARY INCLUDING THE SUBSTITUTION OF A STOP IN
LIBERIA FOR NIGERIA.

3. ONLY TWO ABIDJAN DATELINED STORIES -- BOTH FROM SCHMEMANN
(AP). ONE REPORTS YOUNG AS HAVING TOLD REPORTERS AFTER
MEETING WITH AMERICAN AMBASSADORS THAT WHILE SOME ENVOYS
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT SOME OF HIS STATEMENTS ON
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FOREIGN POLICY, THEY WERE ALL SATISFIED WHEN HE PUT
THOSE COMMENTS IN THEIR ORIGINAL CONTEXT.
STORY QUOTES YOUNG AS SAYING WHILE HE, TOO, IS CONCERNED
ABOUT SOVIET PRESENCE IN AFRICA, IN HIS STATEMENT ABOUT
BEING 'PARANOID' ABOUT COMMUNISTS IN AFRICA, HE WAS
TRYING TO WARN AGAINST AN EMOTIONAL 'COLD WAR REACTION'
AND THAT 'THE BEST POLICY OF KEEPING THE RUSSIANS OUT IS

NOT A MILITARY POLICY BUT A DEVELOPMENT POLICY.' SECOND
AP STORY DEALS WITH YOUNG'S VISIT TO A PEACE CORPS
PROJECT IN THE TOWN OF YAMOOUSSOUKRO.

4. NYTIMES (JOHN BURNS) STORY FROM JOHANNESBURG ON
ELECTION VICTORY OF FOREIGN MINISTER BOTHA REPORTS THAT
YOUNG "BECAME AN ISSUE IN THE CAMPAIGN" WHEN DETAILS OF
HIS PLAN TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA WERE LEAKED TO THE PRESS
BEFORE THE SAG HAD APPROVED IT AND THAT MR. BOTHA SOUGHT
TO "ALLAY CONSERVATIVE FEARS" BY HITTING OUT AGAINST THE
CARTER ADMINISTRATION, AND PARTICULARLY YOUNG, FOR IN-
SISTING "THERE CAN BE NO PEACE" IN SOUTH AFRICA "WITH-
OUT MAJORITY RULE."
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